

MORNING APPEAL

FRIDAY.....JUNE 10

TELEGRAPHIC.

YESTERDAY'S BIG BATTLE.

Blaine Tacticians Beat Their Opponents,

BUT HARRISON MAKES SLIGHT GAINS

DOES BLAINE WANT THE NOMINATION TO DECLINE IT?

Walcott Roasts the Federal Office Holders---A Graphic Pen Picture of the Incidents at Minneapolis.

Special to the APPEAL

Everybody Still Guessing.

Minneapolis June 9th.—To-day Minneapolis is like a seething caldron and the spume and foam on the top of the bubbling pot hides every thing from sight, and no one man can look beneath the surface of this frothy covering and see any more than his neighbor. Most of the press correspondents have gone wild in the general excitement and only the old stagers accustomed to these scenes of unbridled excitement seem able to keep their heads cool.

WILL BLAINE REFUSE.

There is a feeling shared by many beside myself that Blaine will refuse the nomination when tendered him, and that Clarkson and his lieutenants are perfectly well aware of this purpose on the part of the planned knight. Such an opportunity placed within the grasp of Blaine would exactly suit his extreme love of theatrical display and the refusal would pass him down to future generations as a man pre-eminent among the great Americans, as towering above the succession of President like a giant, the one and only man who had refused the rulership of the greatest nation on earth, when the sepher was within his grasp.

No man in America who has been nominated for this high office has never had the firmness of character to decline and there is a belief among many here that it is the ambition of Blaine's life to be able to decline the great honor and by so doing secure in the eyes of posterity a fame that will make him a solitary and distinguished figure in American history.

ANYTHING TO SMOTHER HARRISON.

To allow his name to be used, to smother Harrison's second term ambition, he has no objection, but on the contrary takes inward delight in casting the shadow of his prestige over the battered hat of Harrison.

So it is that this convention presents situations rich in dramatic feature; situations of which the outside public have but a light inkling. The administration has been on the defensive and the storming column of the Blaine forces may be but a mask to the real purpose of the conspirators who desire to humble the stubborn man of the White House and after Blaine's refusal to accept the nomination and after the forces of Harrison have forsaken him, to send the real winner to the front.

BLAINE AS A RALLYING CRY.

No one not on the ground can realize the magical effect of Blaine's name when used as a rallying cry. When it is shouted in the street answering yells come from all quarters and in a few moments the sober going pedestrians take up the shout and the street is a howling mob of people thundering the name of Blaine. This morning I was seeking my lodgings at 3 o'clock. The street was almost deserted and silent on either side. Presently a drunken man came round the corner.

"Rah fer Jim Blaine!"

Almost instantly the cry was repeated half a block away, then another and another, like echoes in the darkness and cries of "Blaine, Blaine" coming from no one knew where, filled the air. This lasted about a minute and the windows opened all along the street and heads were thrust forth further shouting "Blaine, Harrah for Blaine."

I quote this incident to show how easy it is to use the name of Blaine as a rallying cry at any time of the day or night.

Many a man who came to the Convention absolutely pledged to some other candidate has been carried off his feet by this whirling tide of public clamor, and the Blaine managers use a hundred clever devices to keep

the excitement seething and boiling, and spread consternation in the enemy's camp by sheer force of sound and fury.

POTENT ARGUMENTS.

While the clever workers are thus appealing to the mercurial tendency of the thoughtless mob, the logical, clear headed lieutenants of Clarkson are wrestling in another way with the brainier men of the Convention. They point to the fact that Harrison's strength comes mainly from Southern States, where it would be time and money thrown away to make a Republican fight, while Blaine's best standing is in Republican States—States that have been loyal to the party since its birth.

THE SILVER PROPOSITION.

They fail to using the silver question as a lever to tilt the Administration a little. They point to the threatened revolt of the Western States, and the feeling there against Harrison.

Yesterday the silver men were guarded in their talk, but today they feel that they are on firmer ground, and their speech has a threatening accent. Yet where they derive the feeling of better security it is hard to see.

JONES' BOLD TALK.

The attitude of the silver men may be the result of Senator Jones' able and bold talk to the Convention. He said in plain English that the silver movement in the West had reached the proportions of a third party and that unless they had a hearing in the protection of their chief product there would be a clean bolt on election day.

In addition to this his array of facts supporting his position was impregnable.

Free coinage was lost in Convention by a vote of 3 to 2 and a plank substituted which seems to satisfy the silver men. Disguise and veneer the fact as you may, it is more a lead than a silver plank.

The report that two of the Michigan men had gone to Blaine yesterday from Harrison is contradicted this morning.

CALIFORNIA'S APPEAL.

Blaine's adherents in California got up a mass meeting last night in San Francisco and this morning's Times contains a dispatch in which Senator Felton is condemned for not standing by Blaine. Felton's friends claim that the whole thing is a trick of the DeYoung faction to injure Felton's senatorial chances, and that the tremendous mass meeting was bigger when it got on the wires than it was in reality.

Still the wires have been loaded with dispatches urging delegates to vote for Blaine in spite of any previous pledges.

One gentleman telegraphed to Markham to use his influence, but Markham put himself on record as saying he did not see how a gentleman who had given his pledge to Harrison could break it, unless Blaine was a candidate and avowed so openly, and even in that case it would be a matter of personal dignity and personal understanding of the extent of the promise that no third party should attempt to arbitrate.

THE KEY OF THE FIGHT.

There is no use disguising the fact that the Credential Committee is being handled in the interest of delay, and that the Blaine managers are pulling the strings. Yesterday this was charged everywhere by Harrison men in heated expletive in the hotel corridors, but the Blaine men merely smile and say that the quicker the balloting begins the better.

Today, when the Committee again asked for time the announcement was followed by round volleys of curses from the Harrison men and quiet smiles from the Blaine forces, for it is figured that every hour that passes gives Clarkson a vantage point over Quay. I do not think that a ballot will be reached tonight, in spite of the dispatches being sent out from here to that effect. Some long talking will have to be done before that.

NIGHT ON BLUCHER.

The Blaine forces when the Convention met this morning knew that it was a case of night on Blucher. The wrangle over the Credential Committee's minority report was another clever ruse for time and an adjournment without doing business. The Harrison men had to meet the issue and stay with the scrimmage. It was an interesting scene and occasionally the galleries took a hand with cheers and hisses as the occasion required.

WOLCOT'S HOT TALK.

The sensation of the evening was

when Wolcott of Colorado roasted the Harrison office holders who were holding seats on the floor, not only to prolong Harrison's term of office but their own.

He strode up the aisle toward the Harrison phalanx, and with his uplifted finger quivering in the air he poured his broadsides into the ranks of the bread and butter brigade with a fine scorn and hot invective, the galleries cheering and applauding. He was in good fettle for his work and when he told the office holders to go back to Washington and attend to their duties, there was another roar.

Clayton was on his feet in reply and cross countered with the statement that there were some Senators who should go back to Washington.

So the battle ebbed and flowed until adjournment and the Blaine men had another breathing spell.

ALFRED BALCH.

The Blaine Letters.

New York, June 9.—The World's Washington special says: Father Ducey has made another visit to Washington arriving at midnight last night and returning home today. He left here at 4 o'clock. He was absent from his hotel all the morning and the report is that he has met a representative of Mr. Blaine and delivered over the letters that Mr. Blaine has been so anxious to have returned to him. Father Ducey would not discuss the matter in any form. The particulars of the story in circulation about Father Ducey's visit is that \$65,000 was paid for the return of the package of letters. R. C. Kerens of St. Louis is said to have subscribed \$15,000 and five other men \$10,000 each. To whom this money is gone is left to conjecture. Father Ducey is rich and, anyhow, would not figure in a transaction of this kind on his own account.

Getting in Line.

Minneapolis June 9th, 10 A. M.—The Convention is slowly assembling. It is said that the Committee on Credentials will be ready to report at 8 o'clock to night. It is also said that an attempt will be made to re-leave the Committee of responsibility, and have the contests decided on the floor of the Convention in order to get a test vote as to the strength of rival candidates.

Minneapolis June 9th, 11:12 A. M.—The Convention was called to order.

Minneapolis, June 9.—Senator Cullom offered a resolution that the Columbian Exposition be considered a great national undertaking and that Congress take such action as may be proper to carry this out.

At 11:38 the Convention took a recess to 8 o'clock tonight.

The Ball May Open Tonight.

Minneapolis June 9, 11:45 A. M.—It is thought that the nomination speeches and probably the first ballot will be reached tonight.

Minneapolis, June 9.—The Convention is slowly assembling, but will probably not be called to order before 8:30. It is thought a ballot may be had tonight, and both sides express confidence and a desire for balloting to begin.

That Slow Committee.

Minneapolis, June 9.—Half past eight, although most of the delegates are in their seats, no word has been received from the Credentials. Harrison men full of fight.

Still Fighting for Time.

The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials asks for more time. He says they are still in session and he hopes to be able to report at 8 P. M.

8:30.—The Committee on Credentials has arrived. It is said they have finished their labors, but can give only a verbal report at present. The Convention was called to order, and at 9 o'clock the verbal report of the Committee on Credentials submitted.

At 8:45.—On motion of Depew, the congratulations of the Convention were extended to Col. Dick Thompson of Indiana, on his 83d birthday.

9:10.—The Convention closed its session for tonight, as there had not been time for the minority to prepare its report. Willis of New York submitted a partial report of the minority. This is claimed to be another move of the Blaine men for time.

A Gain for Harrison.

9:19.—The majority report of the Credential Committee recommends that the National Committee be sustained as to 23 votes, and not sustained as to 17 votes, and recommending the unseating of the 17 delegates given seats temporarily.

The net results politically were a

gain of about 12 votes to Harrison, as compared with the temporary roll. Willis of New York will give a minority report as to Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, involving ten Harrison votes.

9:31.—The Chairman of the Credentials Committee moves that the majority report be adopted. A lively discussion is now going on, and watched with the greatest interest by the galleries.

9:36.—Filley, of Missouri, taking the lead for Blaine men, moves to substitute the minority report in the Alabama contest for delegates at large.

9:43.—Massey, of Delaware, followed Filley in behalf of the majority report.

9:45.—George S. Knight of California next spoke for the minority report.

9:55.—A heated discussion is in progress for and against the substitution of the minority report, and the galleries are cheering generally in favor of the substitution.

HISSING FROM THE GALLERY.

10.—Bathea of Illinois said he could prove anything from a section of the contest in Alabama. [Prolonged hissing.] Cannon of Illinois asked if delegates could not be stopped from hissing, and that the galleries be cleared. There was great confusion and excitement for several minutes, and men on their feet gesticulating and trying to get the floor.

Harrison's Assurance.

Washington, June 9.—If the impression prevalent in the Executive mansion is a reflex of general Harrison's feelings, then it would seem that the President must have received reliable information to the effect that Blaine is entirely out of the question. An assertion is made that Blaine's name will not be officially mentioned in the Convention.

Ballotting Postponed.

San Francisco, June 9, 9:15 P. M.—The fight over the adoption of the Credentials Committee report will postpone balloting until tomorrow.

A Test Vote.

San Francisco, June 9.—Roll call is proceeding on the adoption of the report. This is a test of the strength of the Blaine and Harrison forces.

Minneapolis, June 9, 10:50 P. M.—The roll call was dispensed with and a division is being taken. A call of the States was again ordered.

Nevada Solid for Blaine.

San Francisco, June 9.—Nevada voted 6 solid for the adoption of minority or Blaine report.

The Latest

At midnight, when the telegraph office closed, the result of the roll call on the minority report was not bulletined. The last bulletin stated that Foraker had taken the platform amid cheers and was presenting the platform and resolutions.

Telegraphic Ticks.

Sydney Dillon died in New York yesterday.

The Urgency Deficiency Bill passed the Senate yesterday.

J. R. Biggs the defaulter was arrested in Oakland yesterday.

A mass meeting of colored people in Boston threatened to leave the Republican party if the outrages against Negroes could not be stopped in the South.

Nevada was honored with the following places in Committees at the Minneapolis Convention: Credentials, A. C. Cleveland; Permanent Organization, D. A. Bender; Platform and Resolutions, John P. Jones; Rules and Order of Business, A. J. McDonnell.

A Business Conference.

Thaxter—I think considering the extra dispatches we are taking that I'll have to chalk up drugs a little higher.

Coffin—Considering the character of the dispatches we've got so far, I think a cent a bottle on squills and about the same on paragonis is about all the public will stand.

The ladies of St. Theresa's Church will give a strawberry festival and dance at the Armory Hall June 23.

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